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JUST RECEIVED
Ex S. S. "GLENROY."

TOYS in Boxes.
Horses and other Animals.
Every Description of Dolls.

Christmas Tree Ornaments.
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Musical Toys.

Puzzles.
Little Books for Little Folks.
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Ear-Drops.

Alabaster Watch Stands.
Slides for holding Books.
Oxydised Mirrors.
Novelties in Paper
Weights.

SAYLE & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Hongkong,
And Shanghai.

FOR SALE.

A Invoice of Flower & Sons EXPORT
ALE—October-brewing, in Hhds, and
Kds, just arrived per Sayle.

Apply to T. G. LINSTEAD,
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

DUC DE MONTBELLO CARTER
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE,
Quart, \$15 per case (1 dozen).
Pints, \$16 (2 ")
5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKEY,
\$12 per case (1 dozen).

FOR SALE BY HEARD & Co.,
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

BARTJEN'S PATENT
COMPOSITION PAINT,
For Ships' Bottoms.
Sole Agents for China,
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.,
Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHERON & Co.,
Agents.

FOR SALE.

FIRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to
suit purchasers. LARGE Handpicked,
double-sifted at \$8 per Ton. SMALL
at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to T. G. GLOVER,
No. 1, Queen's Road and at East Point.

Hongkong, December 8, 1875.

NOW READY.

HENG-SHUI, or, THE BUDDHISTIC or
NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.
E. J. ETTEL, One Volume, 8vo. Price,
\$1.50.

BUDDHISM, Its HISTORY, THEORY AND
POPULAR BELIEFS, in three Lectures.
By Dr. E. J. ETTEL, Second Edition. One
Volume, 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane
& Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1875.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th Inst., until the 6th Proximo, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 10, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 51.

CHINA SEA.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

OCKSEU ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Light on the High or West Ockseu Island was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 3rd December, 1875.

The illuminating apparatus is revolving Dioptric, of the First Order, showing white flashes at one minute intervals.

The Light is elevated 285 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible from a distance of 24 nautical miles.

The Tower is round, of stone, 35 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 64 feet.

The Tower is painted black, but the dwellings and boundary wall are painted white.

The temporary fixed light, referred to in Notice to Mariners No. 84, has been discontinued.

Approximate position—Latitude 24° 59' N.

Longitude 119° 28' E.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

Imp. Mar. Customs,
Engineer's Office.

Ockseu, December 4, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 52.

CHINA SEA.

A MOY DISTRICT.

TSING-SEU LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Tsing-seu Light on the Northern slope of the Island at the entrance to the outer harbor of Amoy was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 13th December.

The illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a red light from N. 1° E. to N. 57° W., a white light from N. 57° W. round by W. and S. to S. 89° E., and a red light from S. 50° E. to S. 89° E. The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.

The Light is elevated 130 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, the white light should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles, and the red light at 8.

The Tower is octagonal, of stone and brick, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 32 feet.

The Tower is painted in alternate red and white vertical stripes, and the dwellings white.

Approximate position—Latitude, N. 24° 22'.

Longitude, E. 118° 7'.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

Office in Hongkong, Bank Buildings,

Queen's Road,

Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL...5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—AD. ANDRE, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

E. R. BRILLION, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq.

J. P. CORDES, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

H. HOFFMUS, Esq.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 53.

CHINA SEA.

A MOY DISTRICT.

FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE,
PESCADORES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the new Light on the S. W. extremity of Fisher Island near Litaih Point was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 20th December. The new Tower has been erected near the old stone one which has been removed.

The illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a white light visible all round except where obscured by the islands.

The Light is elevated 205 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles.

The Tower is round, of iron, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 38 feet.

The Tower is painted black, and the dwellings and boundary wall will be painted white.

Approximate position—

Latitude, N. 23° 32' 59".

Longitude, E. 119° 28' 7".

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,

Amoy, December 30, 1875.

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the City Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of January next, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

By order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 54.

CHINA SEA.

A MOY DISTRICT.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

OCKSEU ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Light on the High or West Ockseu Island was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 3rd December, 1875.

The illuminating apparatus is revolving Dioptric, of the First Order, showing white flashes at one minute intervals.

The Light is elevated 285 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible from a distance of 24 nautical miles.

The Tower is round, of stone, 35 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 64 feet.

The Tower is painted black, but the dwellings and boundary wall are painted white.

The temporary fixed light, referred to in Notice to Mariners No. 84, has been discontinued.

Approximate position—Latitude 24° 59' N.

Longitude 119° 28' E.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.

Imp. Mar. Customs,
Engineer's Office.

Ockseu, December 4, 1875.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 55.

CHINA SEA.

A MOY DISTRICT.

TSING-SEU LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Light on the Northern slope of the Island at the entrance to the outer harbor of Amoy was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 13th December.

The illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a red light from N. 1° E. to N. 57° W., a white light from N. 57° W. round by W. and S. to S. 89° E., and a red light from S. 50° E. to S. 89° E. The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.

The Light is elevated 130 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, the white light should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles, and the red light at 8.

The Tower is octagonal, of stone and brick, 20 feet

Notices to Consignees.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "Sarpedon," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 1st December, 1875.

Goods undelivered after 7th January, 1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875. ja7

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNERS OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S. SARPEDON, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 10th instant, for shipment per "Priam," BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876. ja10

S. S. EGERTON,

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Goods by the above Steamer are hereby notified that the Cargo is being landed and stored at their risk, into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless applied for by the Consignees before Noon To-day, the 3rd instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SIEMSEN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876. ja10

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "Arratoon Apoor" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding their discharge will be landed and stored at their risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876. ja11

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barque "IRIS," WENDY, Master, from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 3, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP "GRYFFE," TR'DM LONDON.

LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. AMZONE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Indus" from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from MONDAY, the 3rd January, 1876.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 6th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

C. BERTRAND,

Principal Agent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875. ja12

Intimations.

WANTED.

A SITUATION, by a young German, as Servant Maid, to accompany a Lady or family en route to Europe.

Terms: Free Passage Home.

Address: Home-passage, care of the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, January 4, 1876. ja13

LETTERS DIARIES for 1876, in every variety.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1875. ja14

COAL DEPOT.

COALS of every description supplied to Steamers by the Undersigned.

Orders may be left at the Godowns, Wanchai, with Mr. J. MALLINSON, or LONG AN YUN, KWONG-CHI, Peking.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, November 1, 1875. ja15

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain BURNTIE, will be
despatched for the above
Ports, on SUNDAY, the 9th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1876. ja16

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
The Steamship
"ARRATOON APOOR,"
Capt. MacTAVISH, will leave
SATURDAY Next, the 15th Inst., at 3 p.m.
Despatched will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 6, 1876. ja16

FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

The British Ship
"CAROLUS MAGNUS,"
Th. Miles, Master, of 1,478
Tons Register.

Apply to
WEILER & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1876. ja16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

THE following Gentlemen have been appointed as a CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE in London:

A. H. PHILLIPS, Esq., Director of London and County Bank.
E. F. DUNCAN, Esq., of Messrs T. A. Gibb & Co.

Albert Deacon, Esq., of Messrs E. & A. Deacon.

SAN FRANCISCO AGENCY.

Mr W. H. HARRIES has been appointed Special Agent for the Corporation in San Francisco, and he has established himself at No. 405, California Street, in that City, where all descriptions of Agency Banking Business will be conducted.

MANILA AGENCY.

Mr C. J. BARNEA has been appointed Special Agent for the Corporation in Manila, and he has established himself at No. 7, Square of San Gabriel, in that city, where all descriptions of Agency Banking Business will be conducted.

By order of the Court of Directors,

JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager,

Hongkong, January 6, 1876. ja20

Will be Ready in a Few Days.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

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EDITED BY N. B. DEXTER, Ph.D.

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The Natural History of China Red as a Festive Colour.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, January 6, 1876.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 5, Scotia, British barque, 321, Danan, Bangkok Dec. 8, Rice—Oysters.

Jan. 6, Rajah, British steamer, 359, Menzell, Suez Jan. 5, General—Ho Ho Ho.

Jan. 6, Wealthy Pendleton, American barque, 809, Blanchard, Rajang River, Borneo Dec. 14, Timber—CAPTAIN.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 5, Kwangtung, for Swatow, &c.

6, Abbotsford, for Singapore, &c.

6, Johanna, for Takao.

6, Prince Louis, for Diamond Island.

6, Thibet, for Singapore, &c.

6, Fuyew, for Shanghai.

6, Esmeralda, for Manila.

CLEARED.

Tybernia, for Diamond Island.

Bonito, for Bangkok.

Feiga, for Whampoa.

Fano, for Whampoa.

Sir James Jeebleebay, for Macao.

Caprice, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Rajah, Capt. Scott, and 118 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Amoy, 3 cabin, and 70 Chinese.

Per Hailor, Mr. Thompson, for Takao.

Per Fuzhou, 47 Chinese.

Per Kweichow, 250 Chinese.

Per Ceylon, Mr. G. Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. P. Meyer, and 6 Chinese.

Per Kowloon, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hammond and family, Messrs H. A. Johnston, F. Youid, S. Abraham, J. Moses, and 27 Chinese.

TO DEPART.—Per Bonito, 19 Chinese.

SHIPPI NG REPORTS.

The British barque "Scotia" reported strong monsoon from 12th to 14th Dec., then fine weather until 2nd Jan. On 3rd and 4th inst. strong monsoon. Passed a barque bound North on the 2nd Jan., in lat. 16° N. and long. 7° E.

The British steamer "Rajah" reported light winds and calms with thick weather. In Swatow, str. Rigo, and Chinese coast Chinto. Passed the Kwangtung off Singal Island at 11 a.m. in this morning.

The American barque "Wealthy Pendleton" reported first week strong N. gales, second week fine weather and light winds.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—Per DOUGLAS, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 8th Inst.

For SINGAPORE & PENANG.—Per MONTGOMERYSHIRE, at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 11th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1876. ja16

MAILS BY THE EMERSON PACKET.

The French Contract Packet "MEIKONG" will be despatched on THURSDAY,

the 13th January, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via

Malacca to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Sues, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.

Wednesday, 15th Jan.—

5 p.m., Money-Order Office closed. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 16th Jan.—

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, December 30, 1875. ja16

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States' Mail Packet "CHINA," will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 18th January, at 8 p.m. with the Mails—

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to the Postage.

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worthy of record, if only by way of comparison with the almost Arctic cold of several preceding days. The warmth increased on Tuesday, under the influence of a brilliant sun; and yesterday, although the day was cloudy and dull, our thermometer, at three o'clock in the afternoon, marked 65°; the minimum having been 32°. What was the experience at Siccawei? Under these unoward circumstances, we have not ventured to ascertain, fearing the excessive degree of cold which probably prevails there still, and which will in all likelihood enable skaters to indulge in their favourite pastime for several weeks yet, in that neighbourhood.

The following measurements of the female partner lately brought to the Museum have been forwarded to us by the Curator:

Length, from tip of nose to root of tail, 3 ft. 11 in.; tail, 1 ft. 7 in.; height, from heel to shoulder, 2 ft. 2 in.; from elbow to point of toe, 1 ft. 13 in.; girth of neck, 1 ft. 5 in.; girth of forearm, 9 in.; girth of body behind shoulder, 1 ft. 14 in.; circumference of head, 1 ft. 5 in. Colour, yellow or tawny on back and outside of legs, shading away into whitish on lower part of neck, on the abdomen, and inner portion of legs. On the sides, between fore and hind legs, the animal was ornamented with about nine series of spots, in shape of a rose; each series containing from mid abdomen to mid black, seven spots—the yellow or tawny colour being visible in centre of black, and the black only becoming a distinct spot towards extremities of the animal, and on back and abdomen.

On St. John's the Evangelist's Day the Northern Lodge of China No. 570 installed as Master W. Bro. R. Ferguson, and the following officers were invested:

S. W. Bro. M. Hawtrey.
J. W. W. Brand.
S. D. H. S. Morris.
J. D. W. H. Anderson.
I. G. A. Robinson.
T. Tyler. T. Hore.
The other officers were not invested.

The Royal Sussex Lodge (M.C.) has installed as Master W. Bro. J. Brown and invested its officers as follows:

P. M. W. Bro. H. D. Canajee.
S. W. Bro. W. Sanderson.
J. W. W. W. Harris.
Secretary Mody.
Treasurer A. Johnsford.
S. D. T. Ford.
J. D. Richardson.
I. G. Hitchcock.
T. Tyler. T. Hore.

The Tuscan Lodge (E.C.) installed as Master W. Bro. L. Moore, and invested the following brethren as officers:

P. M. W. Bro. J. I. Miller.
S. W. Bro. J. F. Goodfellow.
J. W. B. Palamountain.
Secretary A. B. Seal.
Treasurer J. O. Hughes.
S. D. H. J. E. Barlow.
J. D. W. Gutz.
I. G. G. C. Hellermann.
T. Tyler. T. Hore.

(*Courier and Gazette.*)

A neighbouring Che-hsien has had rather a difficult case brought before him for adjudication. In the early days of that enlightened ruler, the Emperor Yung-chin, when the Tai-ping Rebellion was on the wane, two members of that class facetiously called the "gentry" adopted each a little rebel boy as his son. They both lived quietly with their adopted children for some years, when one of the youths conceived the idea of requiring his benefactor's generosity by burning down his house. Fortunately, however, just before he put his design into execution, he was struck by lightning and killed on the spot; and the neighbours, some of whom had been made acquainted with his intention, were much impressed with the wisdom and justice of the dispensation. The other youth grew up a most exemplary person, and was much beloved by everybody. A few mornings ago, however, he was found to be stained with blood; while his adopted father lay dead upon the floor with a gash cut across his throat. The lad was arrested, and in answer to enquiries replied that his father had attacked him murderously with a knife, and that in warding off the blow with his arm, he had been the unwilling cause of the old man inflicting this mortal wound upon himself. The case has been referred to the Che-hsien of Fung-hing, where the supposed murderer now awaits his trial.

At Yangchow there lives a somewhat eccentric and very unpopular doctor, who goes by the nickname of Pa-pe-pa, from the number of cash he is in the habit of demanding as a fee. He is a great man in his own eyes, and deeply impressed with a sense of his own importance; he will never stir out to visit a patient without riding in a chair; he always insists upon his eight hundred and eighty cash being good large ones, and invariably makes a point of counting them over one by one before he will even feel his patient's wrist. The other day, however, a mishap befell this learned man. His house caught fire; and as the neighbours were not unfortunately anxious to stop all chance of the mischief spreading, while it was still small, tried to put it out. The doctor, however, resisted all such interference with his property, and for a long time kept the crowd at bay by flinging stones at them. At length, the flames burst out at the roof in real earnest, and a crash of falling timber warned them that there was no time to lose. They therefore rushed in a body to the mandarin, and begged him to interfere; and this practical individual not only ordered the fire-engines to begin playing on the house without delay, but led poor Pa-pe-pa by the heels and gave him twenty swings along the bamboo.

A Gentleman lately returned from a trip up-country informs us that a day's journey from Shanghai he came to a wide plain, about 8 miles square, covered with grass, some two feet in length, where deer were more abundant than he had ever seen them anywhere in China before. In all directions they could be descried running about, and appeared "wildly tame." In some instances coming so near to him as twenty yards.

A play was in rather a curious manner the other evening in a Chinese theatre. While the audience were enjoying a mimic hand-gymnastic upon the stage, and applaud-

ing the cleverness of the illusion, they were suddenly alarmed by a cloud of smoke which burst in at one of the doors, and a very strong smell of fire which was no mistake. Out they rushed, as one man, pell-mell, into a narrow passage; the men lost their caps and shoes, and the women all their cherished headgear. Musel and gowns were trampled ruthlessly under foot, and there was a terrible to-do. It was found, however, that the fire was a very small one, and had broken out, in all places of the world, under the counter where the silversmith paid their cash. When all danger was over, the audience clapped hands for their money-back; but this was refused point-blank, and as the performance was finally interrupted for the night the unfortunate people had to put up with the loss, besides finding themselves minus many boots and shoes and other articles of dress.

HANKOW.

(*N. C. D. News.*)

The Hankow Market Report, says:—

There is only the usual unfavourable Report to make on the present occasion.

Except a few sales of 84 lbs. Shirlings,

there has been scarcely any business since

11th inst., date of last issue. In tea nothing has been done.

A couple of gentlemen, one of them from Shanghai by the way, were stoned by a crowd of natives on the Wu-chang side of the river on Friday last. A resident was showing the Shanghaite things curious in the provincial city, and had taken him to the top of a high hill overlooking the parade ground, when they stopped to have a sight at a review then in progress. The crowd saw the foreigners, and commenced pelting them with stones. The latter retreated and nobody was hurt. I hear the case has been reported to H. B. M. Consul, so it is in good hands.

20th December.

NINGPO.

The usual series of Winter Evening Lectures, in connexion with the Ningpo Book Club, was inaugurated on Wednesday evening last, by an interesting lecture, "With the Sanitary Commission in the American War," by the Rev. John Butler.

The lectures drew, from his personal experience, graphic pictures of the Camp Hos-

pitals, the fall of Richmond, and other scenes and incidents in the great struggle.

Dr. Lord occupied the chair, and at the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Mr. Butler.—*N. C. D. News.*

HANGCHOW.

Some days ago, when walking outside of the Dzen-dang gate, at the head of the West Lake, I met some countrymen coming to the city with the head, legs, feet, and sinews of an immense tiger. Suspecting, perhaps, that they had encountered a purchaser, they very willingly stopped and exhibited their wares. They said they had captured the beast some months ago in the province of Ngan-hwei. The teeth and the bones of the head were all complete, and in their places. Some little boys were with me; as they had read that the tiger and cat are of the same family, they after returning home caught the cat, and having examined the mouth were much struck by the resemblance. Let any one look at the mouth of a cat, and notice how the upper and under pairs of tusks glide past each other with the movements of the jaws, and then suppose the tusks to be incased in size till they are as long as a man's fore-finger, and though considerably thicker at the base than a man's finger, yet tapering till they are sharp as a needle at the point—with the other teeth and the jaws enlarged in proportion, and he will have a very fair idea of the head which I encountered, "immense still in death."

The bones and sinews are believed to yield a strengthening medicine, and are purchased readily by a large medicine

manufactury in the city.

I returned—some days ago—from a trip through some parts of the province of Che-kiang, which trip, though not undertaken for the purpose of seeing the country, yet was the means of affording some observations which may be interesting to some of your readers.

I find that the tow-path on the bank of the Grand Canal, which has been in a sad state of ruin ever since the "long-haired rebels" is being put into excellent repair; one bank of the canal, and a good road on the same bank, are to be of cut stone. The workmen told me, that their employers had contracted for the job with the Provincial Government; all the way from Hangchow to Kahiay; how much further the road was to be made, they could not say. At the time of the end of the rebellion, the steamers Ocean and Fusing, it may be remembered that the suggestion came from some Chinese source that the Tributes, rice and other goods could be conveyed more economically, and certainly more in accordance with native ideas, from Che-kiang, Kiang-su, and elsewhere in the centre of China, to Tientsin, by native boats on the Grand Canal, as formerly, than by foreign steamers. The above-mentioned repairs do not prove that the suggestion is to be adopted; yet, if it had been, they would need to be made before it could be carried into execution.

I visited the city of Chia-pu (嘉定), situated on the Hangchow bay, not far removed from the mouth of the Dzen-dang river. The fort that commands the entrance to the city from the bay was in a state of complete ruin before the threatened troubles with Japan, but has since been put into excellent repair, from a Chinese point of view, and furnished with a dozen foreign guns.

While walking along the beach, and climbing over the hills that skirt the sea-shore, I wondered that no word, as far as I know, had ever been spoken in favour of the place as a summer resort for the over-wrought body and brain of Shanghai. The place would not only be accessible by steamer, but by house-boat and Chinese small craft of all kinds; the city would insure a market certainly better than can be had on an island; residences placed off the hills would be entirely beyond the reach of the malady from the plain; and there are some shady hooks where sun-bathing would be practicable. I was not well enough acquainted with the place to speak confidently about its excellencies as a sanatorium; but I think it would at least be worthy of a visit with that end in view.

The city of Ho-ning is on the river, not

far from where it enters the bay. I know not that the place is more celebrated for anything than for the great Dzen-dang "bore," a tidal wave which is seen there in all its glory. The bore makes its approach known by tremendous roaring, heard over all the city long before it comes in sight; when the full tide, with its head wave upright as a stone wall, yet broken into numerous perpendicular and horizontal waves, each embellished with numberless water-sweeps past with a mighty rush, and then all is soon quiet again. But these have been left on the mind of the beholders, who see it for the first time, an impression of fierceness, majesty, and beauty, that is often equalled.

If any of your readers should ever be in the neighbourhood, and want to cross the river about the time the tide is to come in, he need not be displeased to find that no boatman acquainted with the locality will be willing to ferry him over; in fact, he might just as well be displeased with the tide for coming in. Nor will he afterwards regret the little loss of time occasioned by the delay, as a good sight of the phenomenon once obtained will be to him.

"A thing of beauty and, a joy for ever."

It might naturally be supposed that such a furious tide would be destructive of the river banks. Two methods are employed for resisting such an evil, whose separate values are differently estimated by different individuals:—one is a solid wall or dyke of earth, from twenty to thirty feet high, with a facing of bewn stone, firmly put together, and shielded by strong buttresses of brushwood, which break the violence of the tide; the other is a pagoda and a number of iron images of water buffaloes, placed at proper distances from each other, on the top of the dyke; the buffaloes are the seed—or suckers imported in large quantities and planted in and about the large cities of Japan, the result we are certain would soon be apparent in the diminution of mortality by fever. A new

bazaar, for the sale of Porcelain and beads, has been opened by natives in Nagasaki, a noticeable feature of which is that the painting is done on the premises, so that customers may have any design they think proper.—The same paper says the failure of Messrs Van Delden & Co., carrying on business at this port, will be regretted by all who are acquainted with the individual members of the firm. The two main causes of the failure seem to be, stagnation in trade and out-the highest symptom of an improved demand for Piece Goods. Grey Shirlings, 84 lbs., continue to be moved off in small lots at last quotations, but 54 lbs. and heavier there is nothing doing.—*T. Cloth and English Drills.*—Sales of these goods have been too insignificant to be worth reporting.

Sandwichwood.—Good wood worth Tls. 380 per picul, but stocks mostly consist of inferior quality, for which a much lower figure has to be accepted. *Makao Opium.*—Has declined in sympathy with the lower rates current in Shanghai, and we now quote half drug but New and Old, at Tls. 445 a 446 per picul.

—*N. C. D. News.*

CHINKEAN.

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KIUKIANG. (Courier Correspondent.)

For a week past we have been favoured with the most lovely weather one could desire, but previous to this we endured two days of snow and sleet, when the cold was almost unbearable. The surrounding hills are still covered with snow, and by way of generating a little artificial heat a feeble attempt was made the other day to get up a foot paper-hunt; but so few persons came to the post that it was quite a failure. On the 1st instant, Monsieur Bréy, the Vicar Apostolic of Kiung-si, came back from a nine months' stay at Nan-chang-ku, and on the 2nd, Mr. Walter E. King, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, took over charge of the British Consulate. Hau-ken-chee, the Imperial Commissioner, left this place for Nan-chang-ku on the 8th. He had been staying here a short time, superintending the examinations for the degree of *tsui-tao*. H. M. gunboat Moquio made a stay of a few hours only on her way down the river; and we have since heard that she is suddenly ordered to Hongkong. We are now in daily expectation of the arrival of the Hornet, and trust that will favour us with her presence for a short time before going on to Hankow. Foot-ball is the game now, and it really is the only means we have to keep the cold out.

—*T. CHIN.*

We understand that Mr. Betts, during his recent visit to the North, carried out an elaborate and very successful series of Torpedo experiments before H. E. Li Hung-chang—both at Tientsin and Taku. On His Excellency's first visit, an inspection was made of the various torpedoes and telegraphic instruments, in use at the present time; and their working was practically illustrated. This inspection took place in one of the large godowns of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, which, of course, precluded all possibility of any torpedoes being fired—but two days afterwards, His Excellency was again present, when several torpedoes were placed in position and exploded, in the Fei-ho, a short distance from Tientsin. The chief subjects of interest were the firing of electro-contact torpedoes, and torpedoes simultaneously fired in groups. His Excellency lent his steam-launch for these trials, and expressed himself as being very much pleased.—Further experiments took place at the Taku fort, where some heavy charges were exploded—one of the torpedoes containing upwards of 500 lbs.

Mr. Betts exhibited the Royal Engineers' system of telegraphing by the lime light, on the City walls of Tientsin. This created a great deal of astonishment among the Chinese, and although at a late hour of the night, caused an immense crowd to assemble. It is needless to say that they seemed altogether puzzled to account for the sudden flashes of dazzling light.—Mr. Betts returns to Tientsin in the spring, when he will commence drawing up a system of Torpedo defences for the Taku and Peh-tang Forts.—*Foothill Herald.*

Shinkin.

The Gazette of Dec. December contains an edict degrading the Governor-General of Yunnan and Kwashow, and nominating Liu Ch'ang-yeo (劉長業) at present Governor of Kwangsi; to be his successor. The unfortunate man who got the sack was "handed over to the Board" on the 17th November, for a "fever" penalty (the almost certain result of which is a sentence such as has just been pronounced), for delay in returning to his post from the leave that had been granted to him to revisit his home in Buren, while on his way back from

Peking. The new man has a very good report. He was Governor-General of the Two Kwangs; but was summoned with mysterious haste to the North a few months after he arrived at Canton, to become Governor-General of Chihi. It was rumoured at the time that he had at one time befriended the father of the Empress-mother. He did not hold his new post long, however, but retired under a cloud; it was said for want of success against the Nien-Fei, and only two years ago he again became Governor of Kwangsi.—*N. C. D. News.*

Japan.

NAGASAKI.

According to the *Rising Sun*, the Japanese Government would seem to be already awaking to the necessity of replanting their timber growth, which by wastefulness of the people in recent years have been so greatly diminished in some parts as to interfere with climatic influences. The Akibono Shimbun says a large number of the Eucalyptus, or Australian gum-tree (said to be a preservative against fevers) are being planted round the castle moat at Yedo. The *Mail*, however, thinks the trees now being planted are only the *Acacia*.

The *New* hopes otherwise, and goes on to remark that, "If the Australian Gum Tree could be grown in Japan, its importation and cultivation would have a decided beneficial effect upon the health of the inhabitants."

We may say that the city of

Adelaide is beautifully ornamented with these trees.

On each side of the widest streets they are planted and tended with great care, so that while they act as a kind of disinfectant for fever, at the same time they are made to beautify the city. Were the seed—or suckers imported in large quantities and planted in and about the large cities of Japan, the result we are certain would soon be apparent in the diminution of mortality by fever.

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ON THURSDAY, the 13th January, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S. "MELKONG," Commandant FOACHE, with MAIRES, PASSENGERS, SPURKS, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Spurks will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted until noon, 4 P.M., Spurks and Parcels (until 3 P.M., on the 13th January, 1876). (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.

Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. E. EMORY, Acting Agent, Hongkong, December 20, 1875.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

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G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent, Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

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EDWARD NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

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CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

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In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not; in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

FILTER this date, the above Association

will allow a Brokerage of Thirty-

Three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on

Local Rates only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

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MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt

of instructions from the Board of

Directors authorizing them to issue Policies

to the extent of £10,000 on any one fire

risk, or in the extent of £15,000 on

adjoining risks without extra charge.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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Insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.

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ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

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VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

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ADOLE ANDRE.

F. D. SASCOON, Liquidator.

Hongkong, December 20, 1875.

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ADOLE ANDRE.

F. D. SASCOON, Liquidator.

Hongkong, July 28, 1875.

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